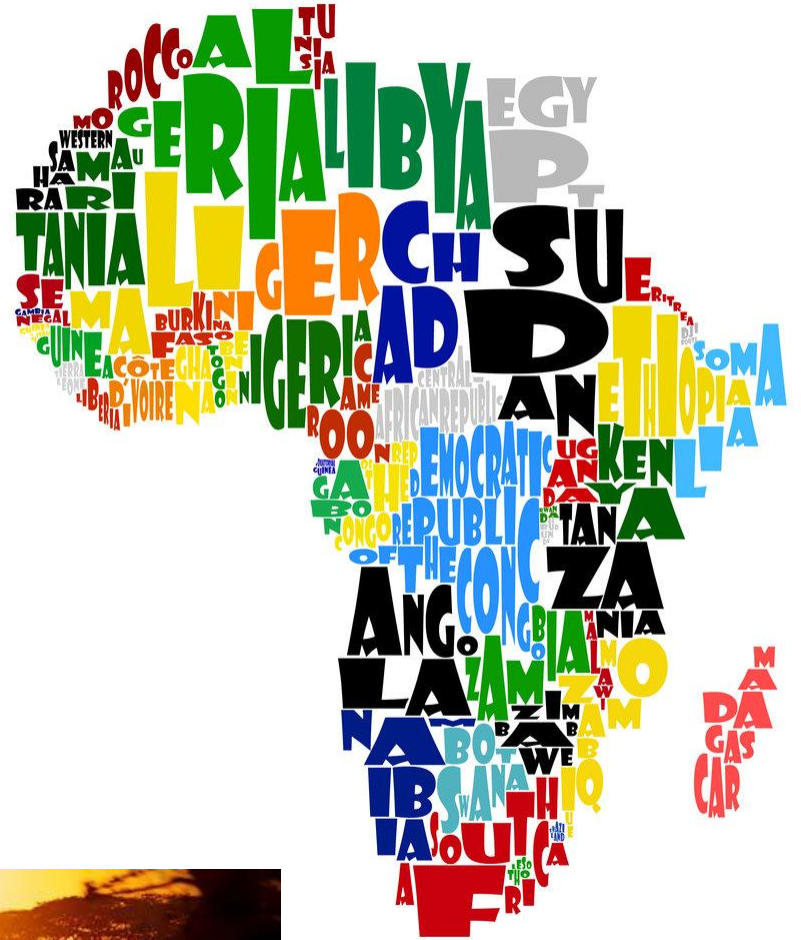


Africa



2nd largest continent
Most centrally located

Home of:

longest river (Nile)

largest desert (Sahara)

2nd largest freshwater lake (Victoria)







2 regions:

North Africa – Morocco,
Tunisia, Egypt, Libya,
Algeria



Sub-Sahara Africa – 42
southern countries

> 1 billion people, over 50% < 25 years
Poorest, most underdeveloped continent
Most live on less than \$.70 a day

Mostly Islamic, Christian, some tribal
religions

> 3,000 ethnic groups

*More physical variations among people
than any other area of the world

Long colonial history, only Liberia and
Ethiopia not colonized

European countries established artificial
borders, favor some tribes – lead to racial
tension, violence, extreme poverty,
corruption

Apartheid – South Africa
Genocide – Darfur (Sudan)

Rwanda

Colonized by Germany, later Belgium

Hutus and Tutsis

Tutsis – believed to have come from northern Africa (possibly Ethiopia) lighter skinned, taller, typically cattle ranchers (land owners) minority, chosen to lead by Europeans

Hutus – majority, darker skinned, typically
farmers

Felt oppressed by Tutsi leaders

1956 rebelled – Tutsis discriminated
against, extremists exiled

Formed **Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF)**

1990 – RPF attack Hutu led Rwanda, civil
war

UN peace keepers in Rwanda

April 6, 1994 – plane carrying Hutu
President shot down over Kigali

Hutus launch “final solution” to eliminate
Tutsis

Mass violence against Tutsis

Radio – Extremist Hutu propaganda, ask Hutus to help destroy Tutsi “cockroaches”

Moderate Hutus and Tutsis murdered – homes, street, churches

Machetes, clubs, knives – murdered by hand

Bodies left unburied or sent down river to
“send message”

UN pulled out of Rwanda after 10 peace
keepers killed

800,000 killed in 100 days

RPF take control – July 1994

Tutsi

Hutu





